SILVER STAR
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ONE PLANNED TO CHANGE OUR WORLD! THE OTHER PLANNED TO STOP HIM! READ—!

THE NEXT BREED

# SILVER STAR

A VISUAL NOVEL

SUPPOSE THE SUPER-NORMALS SPARKED A WAR AND *DIDN'T INVITE US!!?* HEY! DON'T PANIC! WE'VE GOT.....

# SILVER STAR

## AND FRIENDS TO BLOCK...

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO DRUMM!
THERE! THERE IT IS!....CLEAR AS DAY AND TWICE AS REVEALING!
THE GIANTS EXIST!.... AND THIS PROVES IT!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE SOUND?? TURN UP THE SOUND!!
CREATED, WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY JACK KIRBY
INKED AND LETTERED BY D. BRUCE BERRY
GLORIOUSLY COLORED BY TOM LUTH

YOU'RE LOSING THE SOUND, YOU FOOL! WE'VE GOT TO HEAR THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THOSE GIANTS!

SOUND'S GONE, SIR! IT'S THE PICTURE I'M WORRIED ABOUT NOW!

WHAT??!! LOSE THESE PICTURES AND YOU'RE FIRED!!

THE MOST SENSATIONAL SHOTS OF THIS CENTURY IN YOUR INCOMPETENT HANDS....

I-I'M DOING ALL I CAN, SIR!

GOOD GOD!

I-I REALLY TRIED, SIR! ....AND, I ASSURE YOU, I'M THE BEST!

SFAK!

SO'S OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT! WHAT HAPPENED!?

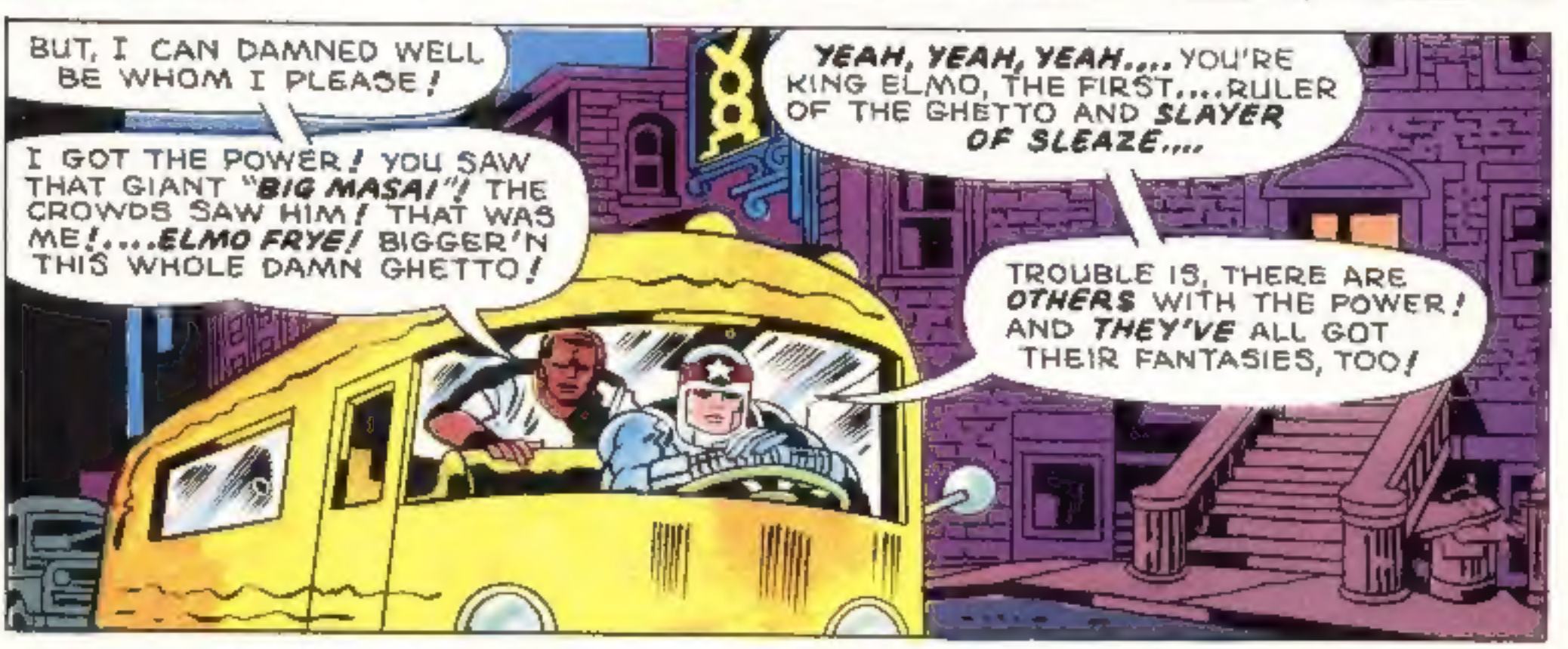
THE SAME THING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ALL OVER TOWN!!

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND!! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!!

SHEESH!

FWOOSHH!!!

HEY! WHY DID YOU DO THAT? THAT MAN COULD'VE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED!
C'MON, I DID WHAT'CHA TOLD ME! THERE AIN'T NO FILM IN TOWN SHOWIN' GIANTS FIGHTIN' EACH OTHER OR ANYONE ELSE!
HOO, BOY! HOW DOES A GUY GO ABOUT HANDLING A SUPER-NORMAL KID!!?
LOOK HERE, ELMO. YOU'RE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW WHO ....OR WHAT I AM!


BUT, I CAN DAMNED WELL BE WHOM I PLEASE!
I GOT THE POWER! YOU SAW THAT GIANT "BIG MASA!"! THE CROWDS SAW HIM! THAT WAS ME!....ELMO FRYE! BIGGER'N THIS WHOLE DAMN GHETTO!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.... YOU'RE KING ELMO, THE FIRST....RULER OF THE GHETTO AND SLAYER OF SLEAZE....
TROUBLE IS, THERE ARE OTHERS WITH THE POWER! AND THEY'VE ALL GOT THEIR FANTASIES, TOO!

....AND, IF YOU AND I *DON'T* JOIN FORCES, ***YOU'LL HAVE THINGS DOWN HERE THAT'LL MAKE YOUR ORDINARY "STREET TOUGH" LOOK LIKE "MARY POPPINS"!***

WELL, I—I DID WHAT YOU ASKED ME TO, *DIDN'T* I?

IT WAS A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO ***AVERT*** PUBLIC PANIC!

OKAY! OKAY!

NOW, I WANT THE "***BIGGIE***"!

***SILVER STAR WANTS THE "BIGGIE"!*** HOW PERCEPTIVE AND ***FLATTERING*** OF HIM!

***SATAN SPEAKS, BROTHERS!*** DEEP WITHIN MY BRAIN....WITH SILKEN VOICE.... WITH RAIMENT OF PUREST SILVER.... GLEAMING AND.... ***EVIL!***

HOW SMARTLY HE MOVES, BROTHERS! ....A MAJESTIC FIGURE OF VAINGLORIOUS SPLENDOR!....EAGER TO ***CORRUPT*** AND ***DISSOLVE***.... ALL THAT GIVES US....STRENGTH AND....***SERENITY!***

SHALL WE GIVE *HIM* WHAT HE WANTS? SHALL WE SURRENDER TO HIM THE *BRAZEN* OBJECT WHICH FEEDS UPON HIS VANITY.... AND VIEWS *US* AS LIFE *DISCARDED* LIKE SCATTERED ASH!!??

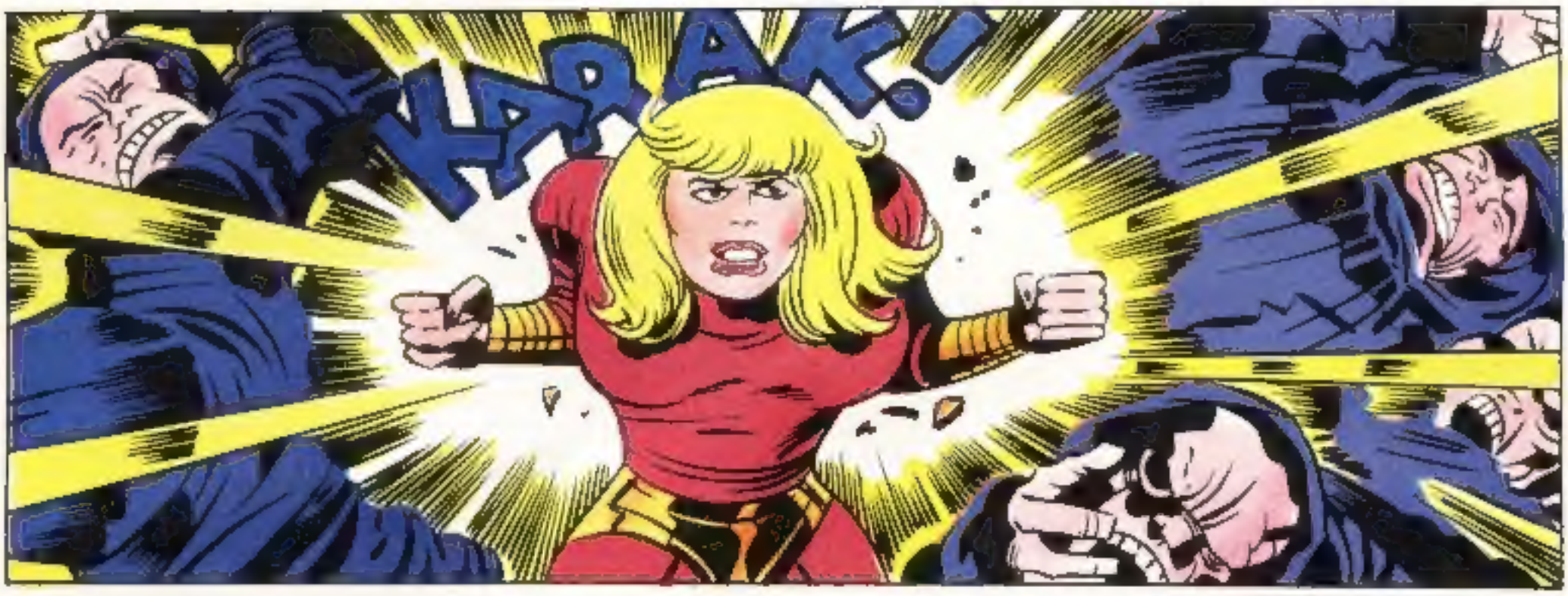
LET THE WINDS OF VIOLENCE STIR THE ASH! LET IT GRIP THE ENEMY AND STRIKE HIM DOWN!

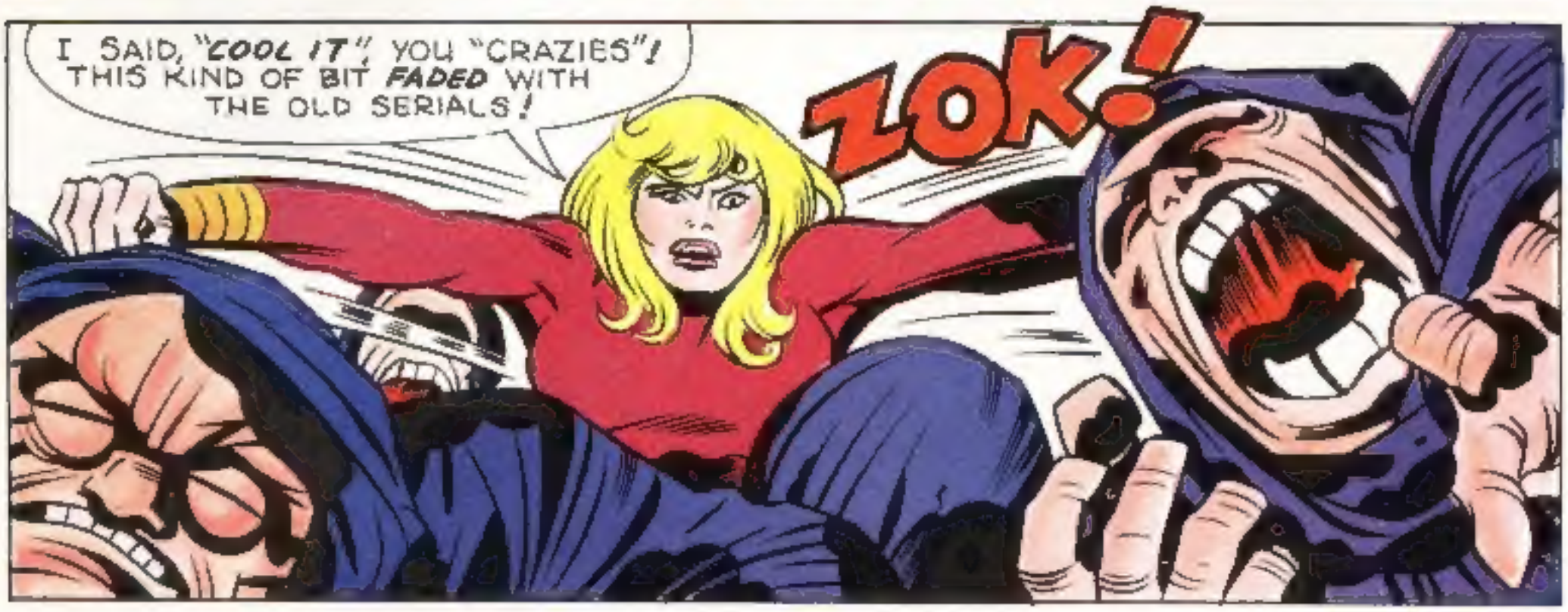
*AMEN TO THAT!*

*UNCOVER!* AND LET ME BE WITNESS TO THE WRATH AWAITING THE "*CURSED ONE*"!

TAKE IT EASY, FELLERS! ALL THIS YELLING'S BEGINNING TO *SCARE* ME!

HE'LL FIND US CAST IN YOUR IMAGE AND *READY* TO GIVE HIM HIS DUE!!


KA-RAK!


I SAID, "COOL IT", YOU "CRAZIES"! THIS KIND OF BIT FADED WITH THE OLD SERIALS!
ZOK!

I DO WISH YOU'D ADAPT TO CONDITIONS HERE, GIRL! I....I REALLY DETEST SUBJECTING YOU TO THREATS!
I DIDN'T GET THAT IMPRESSION FROM YOUR ARMY OF "TRUE BELIEVERS"!

LOOK!....YOUR IDEA OF "SHOWING OFF" IS WORLD DOMINATION.... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
MY SIGHTS ARE SIMPLY A BIT LOWER.... AND I DO WISH TO BE SHOWN TO THE NEAREST EXIT.

BUT THAT'S JUST THE POINT, MY DEAR....THERE IS NO EXIT!
WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS THE "PILOT PROJECT" OF WHAT THE ENTIRE EARTH SHALL SOON BECOME!
....SO, WHY.... GO BACK....?

LISTEN, *MISTER "RUNAWAY EGO"!* THIS "HOMO GENETICUS" BUSINESS WORKS MORE THAN ONE WAY.

*YES! YES!* UNCERTAINTY! FEAR! DESPAIR! EXPLOSIVE STIMULUS! THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

*I WANT OUT!* ...OR...OR....

IT *DOES* WORK MORE THAN ONE WAY....EACH OF US ALWAYS JUDGING THE OTHER!

Y-YOU HOMICIDAL RAT! *YOU'RE A PUNISHMENT FREAK!*

DAMMIT! I CAN PLAY WITH ATOMS AS WELL AS YOU CAN, DRUMM!

NOW, SHOW ME THE WAY OUT OF YOUR PRIVATE ASYLUM, OR I'LL BLAST MY WAY OUT!!!

BLAAM!!

NICE TRY, DEAR GIRL! BUT THIS KIND OF THING RESOLVES NOTHING....*UNLESS YOU INTEND TO KILL!* YOU CAN LEARN *HOW* TO KILL HERE ....IF YOU *ACCEPT* YOUR LOT.

*WHAT A DUDE!* GOT A MIND SHAPED LIKE A CORKSCREW! HE'S LIKE ALL *SCARS* INSIDE....AND....AND BLEEDING WOUNDS!

I'M *PLUGGED IN*, ELMO! THANK YOU! *THANK YOU!*

"SICKO'S" GIVIN' YOUR *CHICK* A HARD TIME! ....THINK HE'D *WASTE* HER?

HE *MUSTN'T* GET THE CHANCE TO TRY IT!

GOTTA *LEAVE* YOU, ELMO! *HEY!* WE DID HAVE FUN PLAYING GIANTS! *RIGHT?*

UH, LISTEN, SILVER STAR....

KEEP THE VAN, FELLA! YOU'VE *EARNED* IT!

FZZZT!

POP!

*UGLY TOWN!* THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT WHO RUNS *THIS* PLACE!

HOW DARE YOU *SING* IN MY PRESENCE, *DECADENT FILTH!*

UHRRR...! YOU'RE A LIAR! I *DIDN'T*... UHRR....

*HE DID!* I HEARD HIM, *TOO!*

LOOK!

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL WOULD WEAR SUCH GAUDY APPAREL?

I-IT'S AN OFFENSE TO THE EYES... AND, YET, HE BRAZENLY FLAUNTS HIMSELF LIKE A PEACOCK!!

TURN AWAY! GIVE HIM THE "SILENCE TREATMENT"!

THAT'S NOT THE TREATMENT HE'S ASKING FOR... AND I SAY WE SHOULD ACCOMMODATE HIM!

VANITY! VANITY!

HEH-HEH... EASY GUYS! THIS AIN'T WHAT YOU THINK IT IS, AT ALL!

REALLY, GUYS! WOULD YOU BELIEVE MY OUTFIT WAS MADE STRICTLY FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES ONLY?

WHY, CERTAINLY! ....AND BASEBALLS GROW ON LAMPPOSTS!

WAM!

SLAM!

SOMEHOW, I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D BUY THE TRUTH ABOUT MY SILVER SUIT!

WELCOME, BUMPKIN! WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DARIUS DRUMM!

I'M GOING TO TEAR UP THIS....THIS....

MISS RICHMOND! NORMA....HE DIDN'T....!

MY, MY! YOU'VE CERTAINLY BEEN BUSY SINCE YOU ARRIVED, BUMPKIN!

SILVER STAR! SILVER STAR! YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU!

YOU'RE HANDSOME! YOU'RE RATIONAL! YOU KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE! LET'S LEAVE! RIGHT NOW! THIS SECOND!

WE SHALL! BUT, NOT UNTIL....

....I SETTLE THE GRIMY PROBLEM KNOWN TO US AS DARIUS DRUMM!!

DON'T BOTHER, BUMPKIN....I'D RATHER SEE YOU DISSENTERS GONE FROM THIS AREA!

BIASED INDIVIDUALS ARE INSUFFERABLY UNFAIR AT BEST!

BIASED? BIASED? YES, OF COURSE! YOU WOULD SEE IT THAT WAY, "SUPER PSYCHO"!

AND WHAT HAS SWEETNESS AND LIGHT TAUGHT YOU, SUPER HERO?

LAW AND ORDER..., A...A... RESPECT FOR LIFE!

AND, YOU LEARNED THIS IN VIET NAM!

COME ON, DRUMM! ALL LESSONS COME PACKAGED IN PAIN! YOU'RE THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT!

AHH! THE BATTERED CHILD SYNDROME, I PRESUME!

YEAH! YOU'VE BEEN BEATEN AND LOCKED IN SO MANY CLOSETS, IT'S BECOME YOUR LIFE-STYLE!!

NO, BUMPKIN. A WORLD CREDO!

"SELF-DENIAL".... THE GRAND DESIGN OF "ANTI-SOCIAL" INTERCOURSE! ALL FOR US LITTLE PEOPLE!

YES! YES! THEIR VERY OWN WORLD!

NATURALLY, YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE! THE "LONE BIG STICK".... RIDING THE BACKS OF SINFUL SEEKERS OF PLEASURE!

OH, NO, DEAR BUMPKIN! WE DISCIPLINE EACH OTHER!

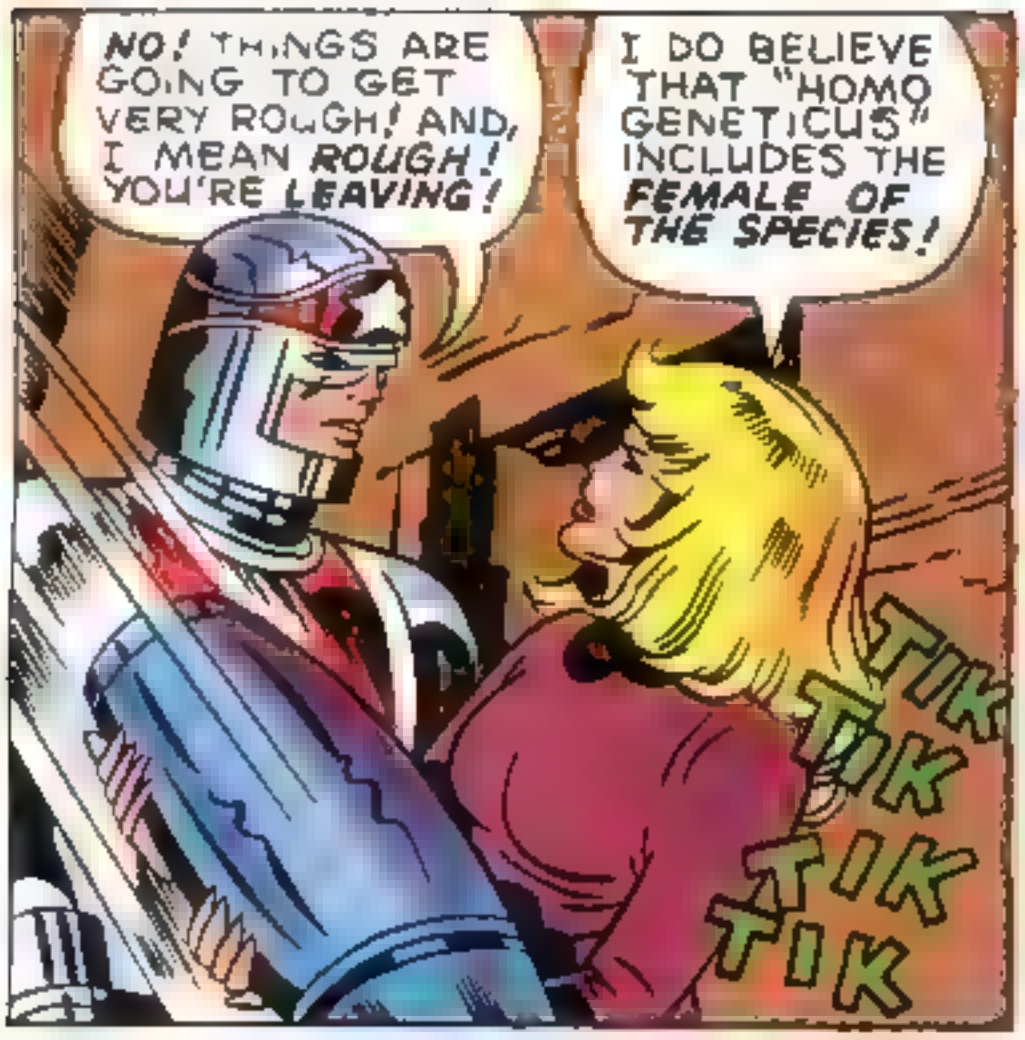
WE SIMPLY KILL WHOEVER VIOLATES THE CREED!

THEN, EVERY TRUE BELIEVER IS JUDGE, JURY AND PUNISHER OF THE OTHER!

A MERE SMILE CAN SPARK A DUEL TO THE DEATH!

I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, KID.... BUT I'VE GOT TO CLEAN THIS UP! RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!.... AND....

I-I MAY BE LATE FOR WORK.... BUT, I'M STAYING, TOO!


NO! THINGS ARE GOING TO GET VERY ROUGH! AND, I MEAN ROUGH! YOU'RE LEAVING!
I DO BELIEVE THAT "HOMO GENETICUS" INCLUDES THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES!
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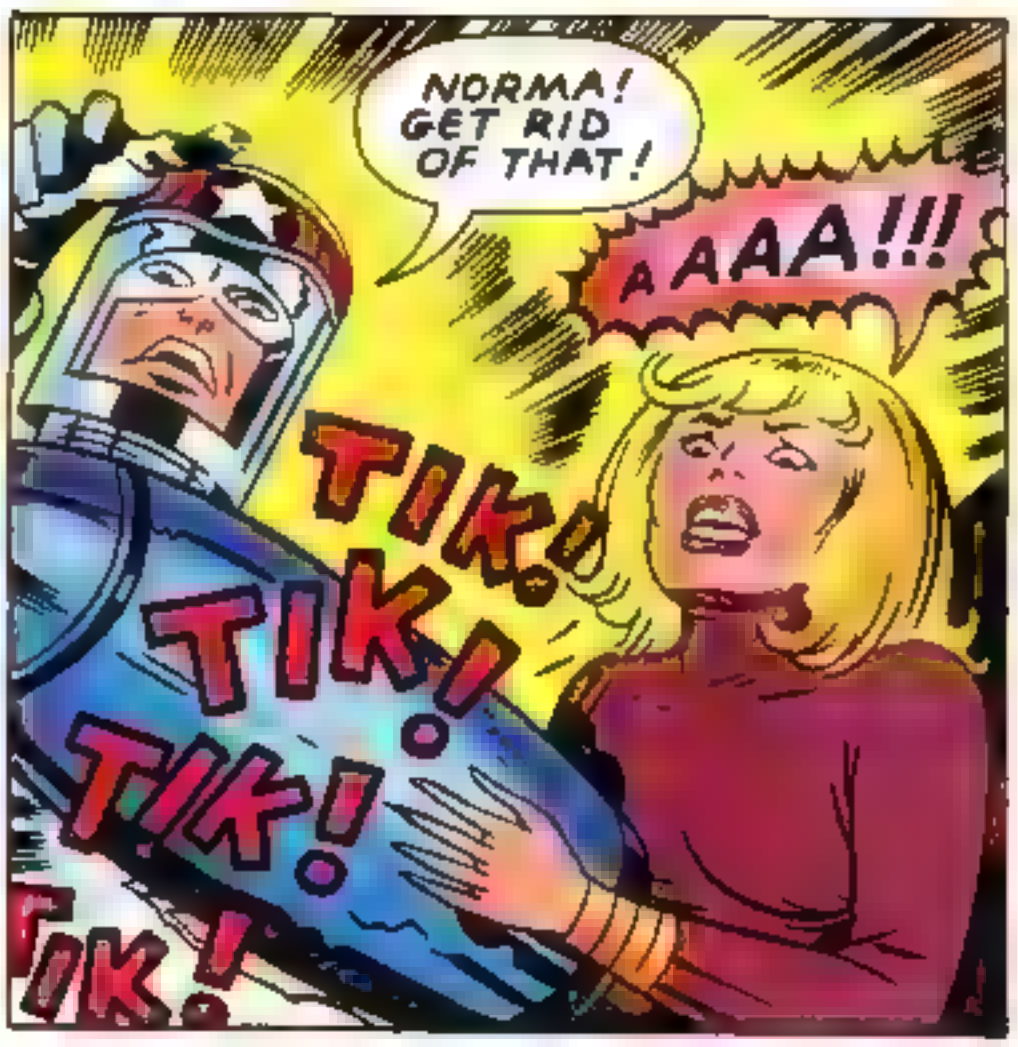
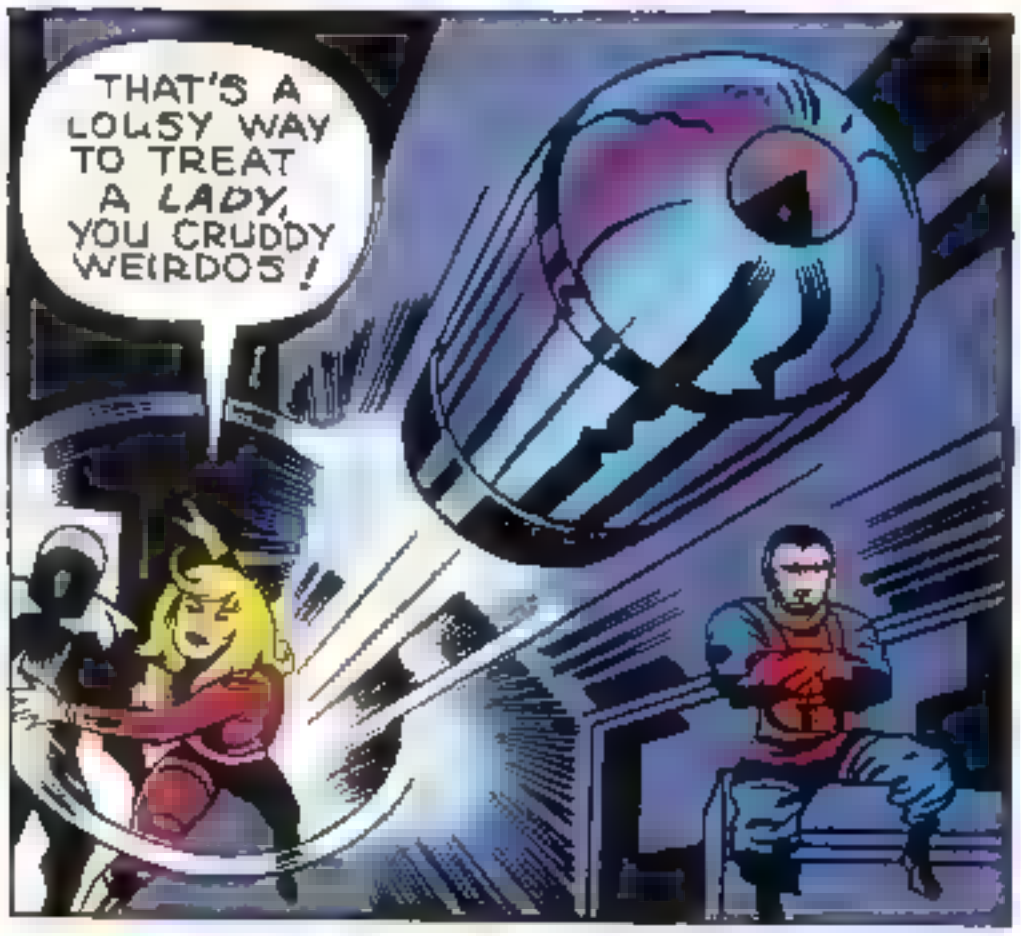
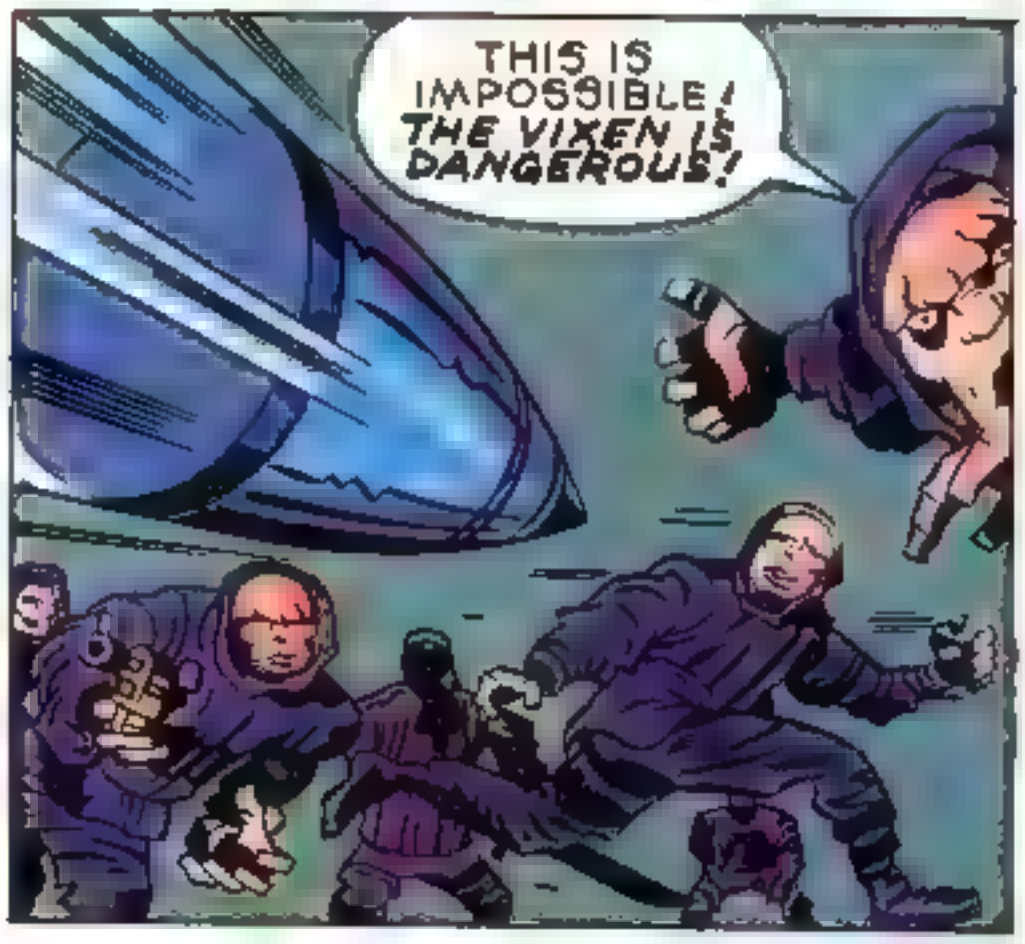
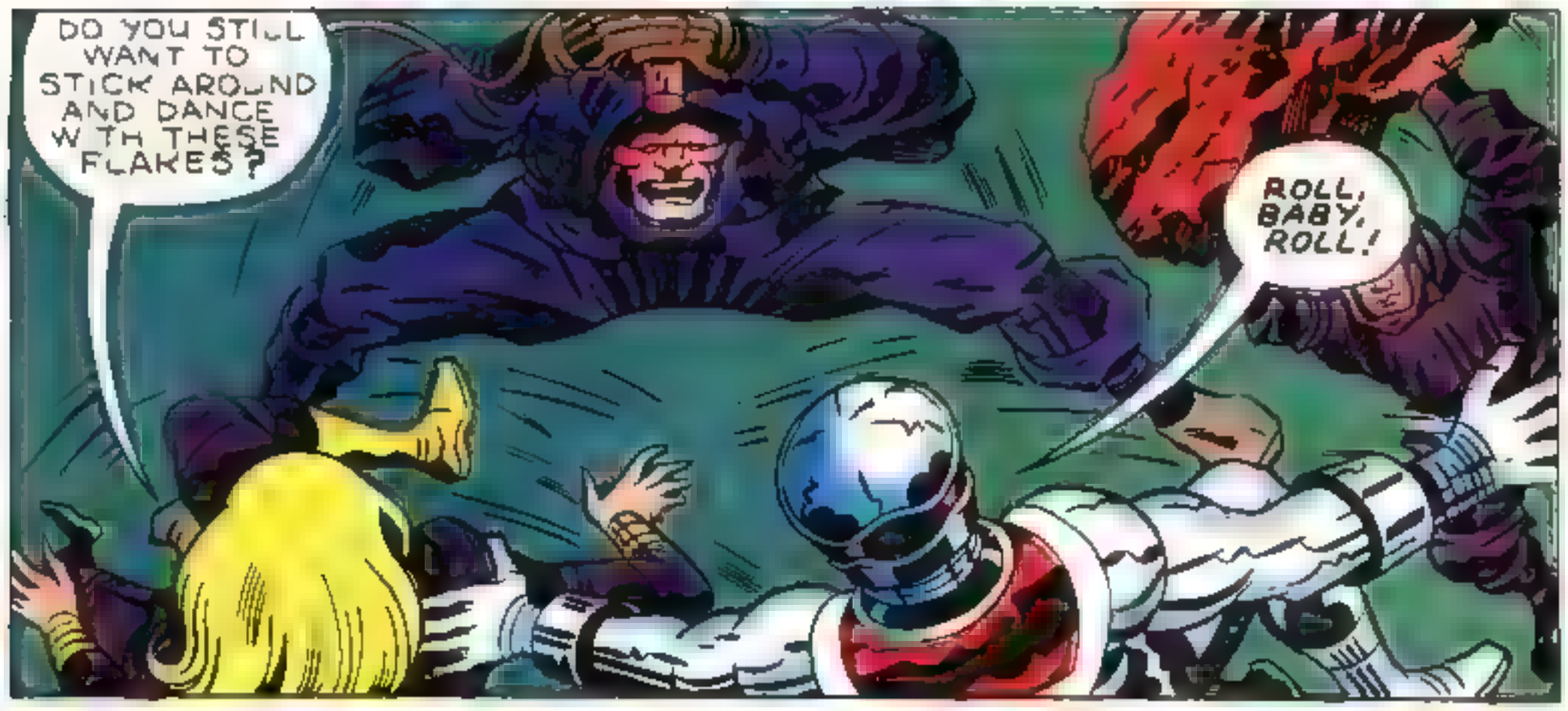
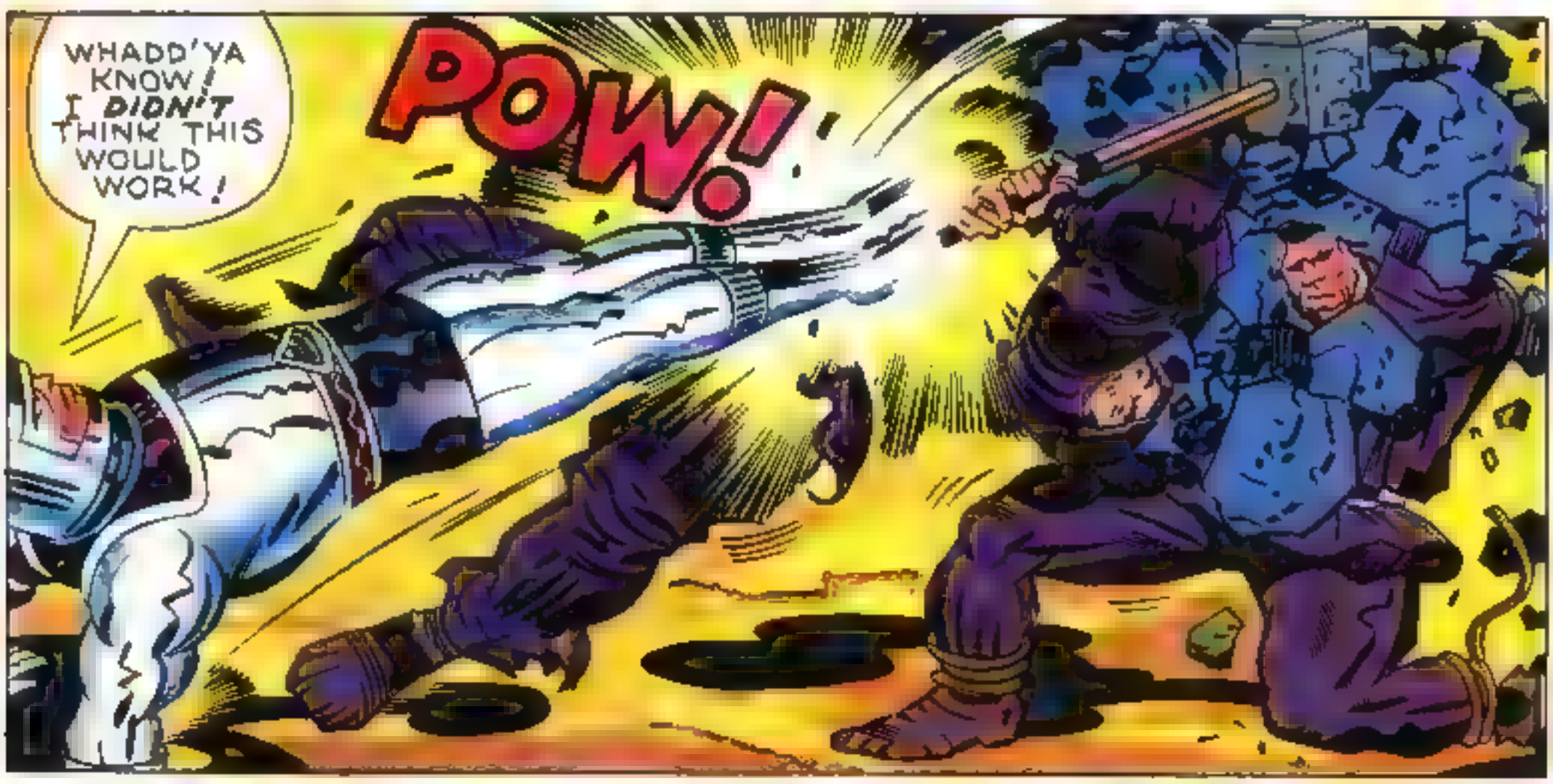

NORMA! GET RID OF THAT!
AAAA!!!
TIK! TIK! TIK! TIK!


THAT'S A LOUSY WAY TO TREAT A LADY, YOU CRUDDY WEIRDOS!

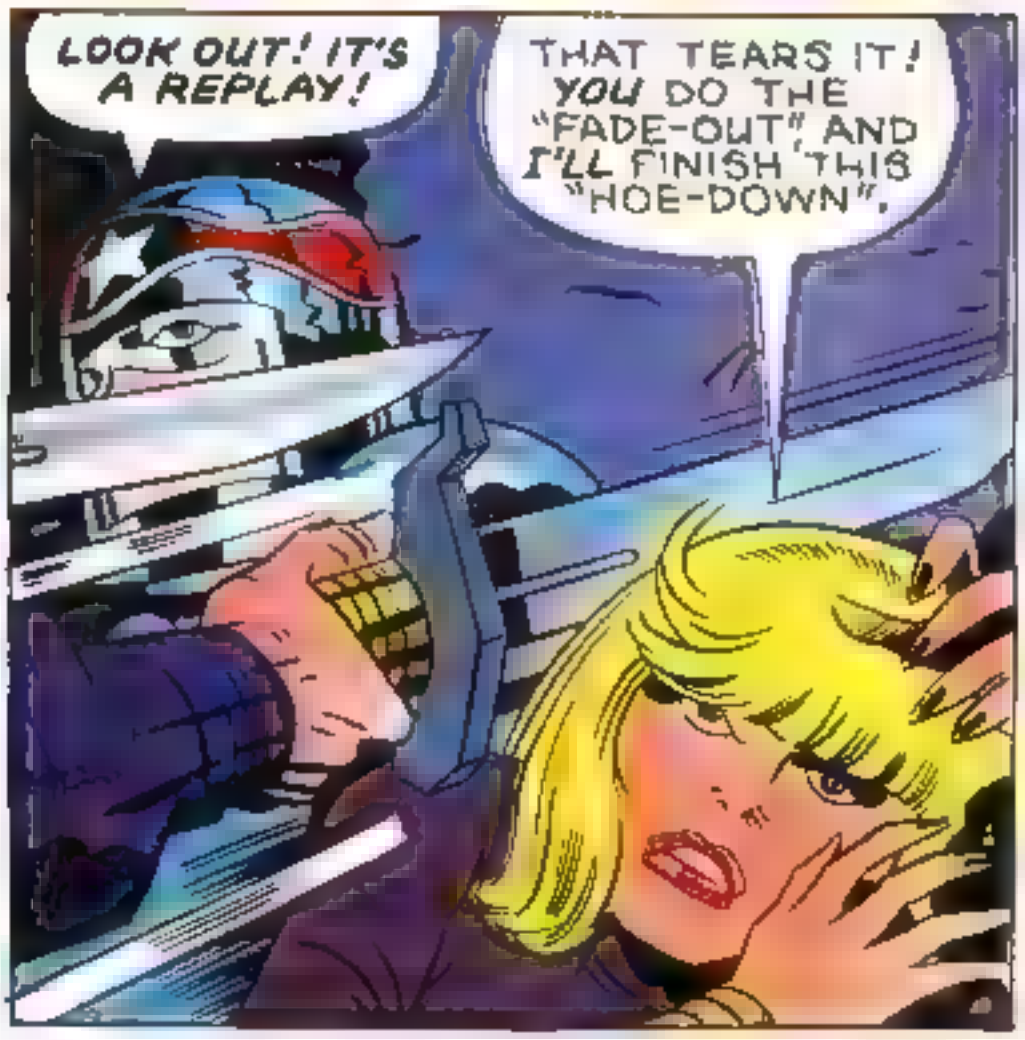

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! THE VIXEN IS DANGEROUS!


KABLAAM!


DO YOU STILL WANT TO STICK AROUND AND DANCE W TH THESE FLAKES?
ROLL, BABY, ROLL!


WHADD'YA KNOW! I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD WORK!
POW!

SUPER-NORMALS, SUPER-REFLEXES! I GET A SALARY FOR DEFYING DEATH! REMEMBER?
SAY, HOW COME "FEMALE PERSONS" ALWAYS BEAT A GUY TO THE ANSWERS?


LOOK OUT! IT'S A REPLAY!
THAT TEARS IT! YOU DO THE "FADE-OUT" AND I'LL FINISH THIS "HOE-DOWN".

NOBODY WOULD POSSIBLY LEAVE A FRIEND IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION!

OH, STOP PATRONIZING ME

KROMP

TSAVNG

NORMA! MACHINE GUN ON YOUR LEFT!

BRAAP!

BRAAAAAP!

MY GOD! IS NOTHING SACRED TO YOU FANATICS!?

FORGET THAT! IT SOJNDS SILLY!

LUCKILY, I CAN CONCENTRATE MY ATOMS WHERE THEY'RE *NEEDED* MOST!

KRAK!

*NEATO*, CHICKADEE! I THINK WE'RE SLOWING THEM DOWN!

KLIK!

POW!

KLOP!

*OH, WOW!* HAVE *YOU* GOT A SHORT FUSE!

BAM!

BRAVO, BUMPKINS! SPECTACULAR! VISUALLY DELIGHTFUL!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

WE'RE PRETTY GOOD, EH?

OF COURSE, AS SPECIMENS OF HOMO GENETICUS, YOU WERE BOUND TO OVERCOME THE FRUITLESS ANGER OF HOMO SAPIENS!

GOOD POINT, DRUMM. I'D RATHER TACKLE YOU!

SO, THE CULT OF "SELF DENIAL" IS TO BE THE DESTINY OF EARTH! WITH DARIUS DRUMM AS CHIEF MAGOO!!

NONSENSE, BUMPKIN! HOW IMMATURE YOU ARE.

CAREFUL, SILVER STAR.

KRAAK!

CRASH!

LIKE DOING THAT?

WELL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I'M QUITE VERSATILE AT CREATING *BARRIERS*!

IF *THESE* WON'T DO....

AAAAA!

A WALL OF FIERY LAVA....OR A BUNKER OF THICK SOLID ROCK SHOULD KEEP YOU SWEATING!

*GO AHEAD!* SMASH IT, AND I'LL *REPLACE* IT WITH ANOTHER AND ANOTHER! BUT WOE TO YOU WHEN I GROW *TIRED* OF THIS GAME!

I PLAN TO *RULE* THIS WORLD WITH A STEEL FIST! MAN AS HE *WAS* MUST MEET HIS FATE! MAN AS HE HAS *BECOME* MUST BE *GIVEN* DIRECTION!

AS IT WAS DONE IN BYGONE AGES, I SHALL CLEANSE THIS PLANET WITH *FIRE* AND *BRIMSTONE*!! THE *ANGEL* OF *DEATH* SHALL FLY AGAIN!....AND CARRY OUT THIS MANDATE WITHOUT DELAY!

GOOD LORD!

STAND CLEAR, NORMA!

WAHOOO!!
DRUMM'S QUIT PLAYING GAMES!
YES! HE'S FINALLY DONE IT! HE'S SNAPPED HIS TWIG!

OMM!!!
DON'T YOU SEE? HE'S BEEN COMPETING WITH HIS DEAD FATHER! HIS URGE FOR DOMINANCE IS FIERCER! HIS "CULT OF SELF-DENIAL" MORE DRIVEN! AND.... NOW....AND NOW....!
HE WANTS TO DESTROY! HE WANTS TO DESTROY A DEAD MAN! B-BUT....HOW?
HE CAN DO IT!! AS A SUPER-NORMAL, HE CAN DESTROY A DEAD MAN....BY DESTROYING THE WORLD THAT SPAWNED HIM!

YES! YES! A NEW EARTH! PRISTINE PURE! PURGED OF ALL LIFE! IT'S CONTINENTS ERASED! AND *EVERY* DROP OF WATER.... *EVERY* HINT OF MOISTURE RENDERED.... *NON-EXISTENT!!*

AND *YOU'LL* CALL THIS *MASS OBLITERATION* "SETTING THE STAGE FOR A *NEW START*," NO DOUBT!

*HEY!* WITH THE MOVIE INDUSTRY GONE.... AND MY UNION *GONE*... I'LL BE *OUT OF A JOB!*

UHH....WELL, IT'S *TRUE*, ISN'T IT?!!?

*AND SO DIES AN AGE!* I'VE BEEN ITS JUDGE.... JURY....AND NOW ....ITS *EXECUTIONER!!*

HOLY JUMPING TOLEDO!

*SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!!* ....A FORCE UNLEASHED THAT DWARFS OUR TECHNOLOGY!! LEGENDARY!! POWERFUL!!

"THE ANGEL OF DEATH!"